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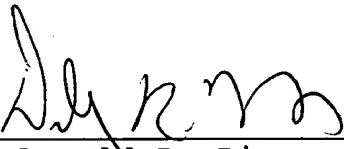
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- (a) Accompanying this transmittal is a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e).
- (b) Applicant hereby petitions for the consideration of the accompanying information disclosure statement. 37 CFR §1.97(d)(ii).
- (c) Applicant submits the petition fee set forth in §1.17(i)(1). (\$130.00).

The first two references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 were cited in a Supplementary Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on December 13, 1994. The first reference, German Patent No. 561757, was cited as background material only. Applicants have secured an English translation of the German reference which is being submitted together with the German patent. The second reference, PCT Application No. 9011795, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,100,396, which was previously disclosed in an Information Disclosure Statement dated June 22, 1993, and has therefore already been considered by the Examiner as indicated on the Form PTO-1449 initialled by the Examiner on December 12, 1993.

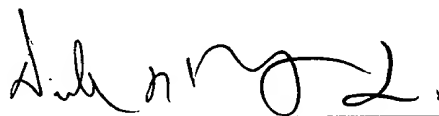
The third reference listed on PTO Form 1449 was just disclosed to the undersigned attorney by a licensee of the patent application in a letter dated February 21, 1995. The third reference, I. Pressure Treatment of Peripheral Vascular Diseases; II. Intermittent Pressure Treatment of Peripheral

Vascular Treatment, is concerned with the application of intermittent negative and/or positive pressures to the treatment of peripheral circulatory disturbances such as venous insufficiency. The devices disclosed are typically in the forms of chambers, boots, or suits that enclose the entire extremity to be treated. The reference also discloses the use of suction cups to apply alternating positive and negative pressure by gliding the cups along the extremities.

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